

# Nature Center Activities

## Turkey Run State Park

Mon - Wed & Fri, Aug 31 - Sep't. 2 & Sep't. 4

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** - Help a naturalist put out bird seed & work in our wildlife observation area, & then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - Enjoy a tour of tonight's constellations and planets. Hear about meteor showers, star legends & how to navigate the stars. 40-minute program at the nature center. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

Thursday, September 3

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** - See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - Gather in the cellar of the Salmon Lusk Home to take a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Doors open at 2:40 p.m. *Warning: lots of stairs and standing!*

### ARCHAEOLOGY DAY!

Saturday, September 5

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am- 5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - See above.

**10am-4pm Archaeologist & YOUR Stone Tools**

Dust off all those points, arrowheads and stone axes and bring them to Turkey Run. An archaeologist can you tell you what they were used for, when and where they were made, and more! In front of Nature Center.

**\*10am-12:30pm Dreamcatchers, Fire Starting, Petroglyph Painting** - Try your hand at these pre-historic activities and take home your creations. In front of nature center.

**1:30-4pm Pinch Pots, Medicine Bags, Edible & Medicinal Plants** - Make stone-age "artifacts" and taste some yummy tea in front of the nature center.

**1:30-4pm Atlatl Spear Toss** - Try throwing spears with an atlatl, a stone-age spear throwing device. Near the pool

**4pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. Doors open at 3:50pm. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*Healthy Parks - Healthy People:** Get "INShape" with us, or discover how to keep a state park healthy.

Children under the age of 14 must be with an adult when attending programs or visiting the nature center

**Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more!**  
**Hoosier Quest Program**  
**Sign up at the Nature Center**

Sunday, September 6

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - See previous listing.

**10:30-11:30am Nature Notebook** - Meet at the Nature Center to make your very own nature notebook. 10-minute craft

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Mon - Wed and Fri, September 7-9 and 11

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** - See previous listing.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing.

Thursday, September 10

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** - See previous listing.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - Gather in the cellar of the Salmon Lusk Home to take this fun 1-hour tour. Doors open at 2:40 p.m. *Warning: lots of stairs and standing!*

### INShape Indiana DNR Day Walk & Smokey Bear's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!

Saturday, September 12

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - See above.

**9:30am Day Walk Registration** - Nature Center

**\*10am DNR Day Walk** - Gather in front of the Nature Center for a 2-hour moderately-rugged fitness hike.

**\*10am Wildfire!** - See video footage & actual fire fighting equipment from a real wildfire and hear about the brave men and women who work to keep us safe. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

**10:30am & 1pm Hopalong Cassidy Tells The Story Of Smokey Bear** - Meet Hoppy reenactor, Joe Sullivan, & hear the incredible story of Smokey Bear. Special appearance by Smokey Bear himself! 30 minutes. Nature Center.

**11:30am Happy Birthday, Smokey!** - Join us for birthday cake with Smokey Bear. Don't forget your camera!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous. *Reservations.*

Sunday, September 13

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** - See above.

**10:30-11:30am Roving Reptiles** - Come to the nature center to see and touch live reptiles!.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See above. *Reservations*

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Mon – Wed & Fri, September, 14-16 and 18

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**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** - Help a naturalist put out bird seed & work in our wildlife observation area, & then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - Enjoy a tour of tonight's constellations and planets. Hear about meteor showers, star legends & how to navigate the stars. 40-minute program at the nature center. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

Thursday, September 17

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - Gather in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take a 1-hour tour of the historic 1841 brick mansion. Doors open at 2:40pm. *Warning: lots of stairs and standing!*

**7pm Meet The Friends of Turkey Run & Shades**

Gather in the Dogwood Room in the basement of the Inn at 7 p.m. for the monthly meeting of our local support group. Find out what the group is up to, learn how you can become a park volunteer, and make some new like-minded friends.

Saturday, September 19

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See listing above

**\*11am Leaf Rubbings** - Meet at the nature center to go collect some leaves, and then rub them into your very own tree ID nature notebook! 40-minute easy hike and workshop.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See listing above.

Sunday, September 20

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** - See listing above

**10:30-11:30am Snake At The Bridge!** - Look for the naturalist near the Suspension Bridge to meet (and touch!) a real Turkey Run snake.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See listing above. *Reservations recommended.*

Mon-Wed & Fri, September 21-23 and 25

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds**- See listing above

**2pm Planetarium Show** – See previous listing.

**\*Healthy Parks – Healthy People:** Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park healthy.

Thursday, September 24

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds**- See previous listing.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour**- See previous listing.

### National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 26

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - See above.

**\*10am Help Take Care of Turkey Run State Park**  
Planning to hike today? Register at the nature center to clean up a section of trail and hide side trails. If you enjoy Turkey Run, this is a chance to give a little something back. Participants get to meet Smokey Bear and receive a small token of appreciation!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour**- See previous listing. Cellar doors open at 2:40 p.m.

Sunday, September 27

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

**10:30-11:30am Fish Kites**- Come to the nature center to make a kite, and test it out in our front lawn! 20-minute craft.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Mon-Wed, September 28-30

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

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**For additional interpretive programs visit:**

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>